

Dear FCC:

I do not usually stand up for much when it comes to the political arena but this has to be one of the silliest items I've heard of, and we all know there are a lot of silly items in politics that should not be. Neither the FCC nor any other part of our government should put itself in a position to limit competition. I may be wrong but I believe the governments responsibility is to encourage competition. The FCC has done a good job with that task before and I am sure you will do the same here. If an industry finds a competitor a danger it should not have the ability to limit the competitor via the FCC just to avoid changing the way they do business. Change in business has ALWAYS resulted in positive developments in this country and will continue to do so.

I look forward to Atlanta's new weather and Traffic station on XM. Not only will it provide the residents (and those passing through) with up-to-date severe weather information but it will also give us immediate access to the best way to get around the traffic on our way to/from work. That would be a great improvement in efficiency for many people in Atlanta and the rest of the country's major metropolitan cities. The current alternative on broadcast radio is non-existent. I consider it a lucky day if I can actually catch a useful, pertinent traffic update before I even make it to work. This lack of information on local broadcast radio has forced me to give up on the local traffic updates.

XM is not competing with Broadcast radio. Broadcast radio can't even comprehend providing the highest quality of content and programming that is available from satellite radio. So I ask of you to oppose petition 04-160 and tell the NAB that they need to begin worrying about what the customers want if they want to keep them. They have taken advantage of the customers for too long and now it has come back to get them. It is time to adapt or be consumed by those who already have.